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# Cityscene

A Report to the Citizens of the City of Fairfax

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## DATELINE

### City Government Offices Close September 2 for Labor Day

City government offices and facilities will be closed September 2 for Labor Day.

General District Court also will be closed (703-385-7866).

The CUE Bus will run on a Saturday schedule (703-385-7859).

Trash and recyclables will not be collected September 2. Monday and Tuesday regular collection will be provided on Tuesday, September 3 (703-385-7837).

The Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center will be open (703-385-8414).

### Cityscreen-12 Goes HD

Cityscreen-12 programs — including meetings, *The Fairfax Scene*, PSAs and more — now are produced in high definition. Televised meetings and all Cityscreen-12 programming feature improved picture quality, better graphics and a widescreen format.

Cityscreen-12 programs are available for purchase and loan via DVD and Blu-Ray, and remain available on the Internet (city website, YouTube).

These improvements are funded with cable television PEG fees that are designated to be used only to fund capital purchases, per franchise agreements with Cox and Verizon. For information, call 703-385-7803.

If you're new to the city, welcome!  
Call 703-385-7800  
for new resident information.

## City Website Offers New Look, Easier Use, Better Connectivity

The city's website has undergone a dramatic transformation.

The brand-new website at [fairfaxva.gov](http://fairfaxva.gov) empowers users and city staff with its intuitive navigation, dynamic Web pages, striking design and advanced features for easier access to information and services.

The city's Information Technology Department, with the help of Vision Internet, included advanced interactive components for navigating special types of content (calendars, emergency alerts, weather and traffic alerts, community spotlight, directories, job and request for proposals (RFP) postings, document central and photo galleries).

Tools such as RSS feeds, Google Maps,

bookmarks and share links improve the city's communication and outreach. Users also have quick access to social media sites.

The website is accessible to those with disabilities and features other accommodations, such as a language translator, font size control and responsive design to auto-size Web pages for various size monitors and mobile devices.

The site's advanced Content Management System, Vision CMS, empowers staff from each department to manage individual content while preserving site consistency. The intuitive editor seamlessly incorporates text, images, documents and links for each department.

For information, call 703-385-7896.



Fall for the Book will be held September 22-27 in the City of Fairfax, at George Mason University and throughout the region — see page 2!

## Community Discussion on Diversity for City Boards to be Held September 11

Mayor Scott Silverthorne has convened a group of city residents to elicit ideas about better engaging the city's diverse population — and the public is invited to the next meeting set for 7 p.m. September 11 at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway.

The meeting will feature J. Walter Tejada, Arlington County Board chair-

man, who will share information about his community's initiative, Diversity Dialogues.

The objective of this recently convened group is to increase representation on our city's boards and commissions to better reflect the diversity of the city was identified. For information, call 703-385-7894. Reasonable accommodations will be made upon request.



## NEWS & NOTES

### In Memoriam: Geraldine 'Gerry' Sherwood

Geraldine "Gerry" Estep Sherwood, long-time city resident and supporter of the arts in Fairfax, passed away August 5. The city mourns her passing.

She was a stalwart supporter of Fairfax and the arts who, as a teacher at Fairfax High School, initiated the school's choral music program.

After her public school career, she remained active in the arts community as a piano teacher and choral director — and in the founding and leadership of arts organizations.

She was instrumental in the establishment of the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, which opened in 2011. Her \$5 million gift provided funding for the construction of the center, which has a major focus on the arts and provides crucial practice and performance space for artists.

The community center was named in honor of her husband, who served as a member of the Town of Fairfax Council (1956-60) and City of Fairfax City Council (1960-64) and who passed away in 2002.

### Support Blenheim at Taste of the Vine

Support Historic Blenheim and enjoy an evening of fine food and wine at *Taste of the Vine*, a fundraiser to be held from 6:30-9:30 p.m. September 27 at the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway.

Tickets cost \$50 per person and include hors d'oeuvres, wine tasting, music, silent auction and more. Proceeds benefit Historic Blenheim restoration.

The event is sponsored by Historic Fairfax City, Inc. For information, call 703-591-5305.

**City residents: need your child safety seat installation checked? Call the Fire Department at 703-385-7830 for an appointment!**



## Schedule of Events

(Events occur in and around Fairfax ≈  
Information: [www.fallforthebook.org](http://www.fallforthebook.org),  
703-993-3986)

### Sunday, September 22

Photography Exhibition: If You Knew Me You Would Care, 10 am • Exhibition: Inner Librare, noon • Falling for Story Reading, 12:30 pm • History, Mystery and Love: Why Readers Love Historical Romance, 12:30 pm • Scholastic Book Fair, 1 pm • Family Stories: Make Your Own Instant Book!, 1:30 pm • Ticking Clocks: How to Create Pressure-Cooker Moments in Fiction, 1:30 pm • Novelist Elizabeth Haynes, 2 pm • Children's Book: Fun for All Ages, 2 pm • Master of Fine Arts Fellows Reading, 3 pm • The Secrets of Self-Publishing, 3 pm • YA Authors: Growing Up Fast, 4 pm • Gazing Grain Press Reading and Reception, 4 pm • Humorist Dave Barry: Fairfax Prize, 6:30 pm

### Monday, September 23

Exhibition: Call and Response, 10 am • Photography Exhibition: If You Knew Me You Would Care, 10 am • Novelist and Short Story Writer Stephen Graham Jones, 10:30 am • Cultural Critic Hamid Dabashi, noon • City Council Meeting, 1:30 pm • Social Commentator Paul Loeb, 1:30 pm • WWII Historians Robert Dorr and Cate Lineberry, 3 pm • Novelists Anton DiScalafani and George Bishop Jr., 4:30 pm • Poet Karen Anderson, 4:30 pm • After the M.F.A., 6 pm • City Council Meeting Presentation, 6 pm • Novelist Bob Shacochis, 6 pm • Historian Juanita Patience Moss, 7 pm • Activist and Author Ralph Nader, 7:30 pm • Poets Karen An-hwei Lee and G.C. Waldrep, 7:30 pm

### Tuesday, September 24

Exhibition: Call and Response, 10 am • Photography Exhibition: If You Knew Me You Would Care, 10 am • Novelist Alivia Tagliaferri, 10:30 am • Historian Stephen Mansfield, noon • Living to Tell about It: Storytellers Panel, noon • Children's Book Author Cheryl Aubin, 1:30 pm • Honoring Ann Petry, 1:30 pm • Folklorist Cristina Bacchilega, 3 pm • Sportswriter Elisa Gaudet, 3 pm • Honest Tea Presentation, 4 pm • Novelist and Short Fiction Writers Nathan Leslie and Jen Michalski, 4:30 pm • Novelists Bonnie Jo Campbell and Mary Kay Zuravleff, 6 pm • Poet Robyn Schiff, 6 pm • Historian Joseph W. Stahl, 7 pm • Literary Activist, Poet, and Memoirist E. Ethelbert Miller, 7 pm • Poet Derrick Weston Brown, 7 pm • Three Views of Medusa's Daughter, 7 pm • Folklorist Cristina Bacchilega, 7 pm • Political Commentators Kojo Nnamdi and Mark Plotkin, 7:30 pm • Poetry Slam!, 8 pm •

### Wednesday, September 25

Exhibition: Call and Response, 10 am • Photography Exhibition: If You Knew Me You Would Care, 10 am • Educator Paul Gorski, 10:30 am • Exhibition: Inner Librare, 11 am • Historian Dean King, noon • Historical Fiction Panel, noon • Biographer and Spiritual Writer Stephen Mansfield, 1 pm • Novelist Elizabeth Huergo, 1:30 pm • Professor Anthony Hoefer, 1:30 pm • Poet Judith Harris, 2 pm • Historian Peter Janney, 2:30 pm • Call and Response Gallery Talk, 3 pm • Fiction and Electronic Publishing, 3 pm • Psychologist Shane Lopez, 4 pm • Novelist and Memoirist Courtney Brkic and Novelist Marjan Kamali, 4:30 pm • Poet William Logan, 4:30 pm • The Book Was Better Presentation, 4:30 pm • Mystery Writer Edith McClintock, 6 pm • Novelist Benjamin Percy, 6 pm • Poet Sonia Sanchez: Busboys and Poets Award, 6 pm • Executive Coach Ian Cook, 7 pm • Mystery Writer Charles Todd, 7 pm • Novelist Michael Sullivan, 7 pm • Memoirist Cheryl Strayed: Mary Roberts Rinehart Award, 7:30 pm

### Thursday, September 26

Exhibition: Call and Response, 10 am • Photography Exhibition: If You Knew Me You Would Care, 10 am • Historian M.J. O'Brien, 10:30 am • Exhibition: Inner Librare, 11 am • Biographer Marie Arana, 12:30 pm • African American Families Today, 1:30 pm • Novelist Sarah Pekkanen, 3 pm • Sociologist Emily W. Kane, 3 pm • YA Author Alethea Kontis, 4 pm • Historian Scott Berg, 4:30 pm • International Fiction in Perspective, 4:30 pm • Out of Books: Poet and Artist Alec Finlay, 4:30 pm • Poet Sonia Sanchez, 5 pm • Haute Cuisine at the Hylton, 6 pm • Short Story Writers Scott Garson and Amber Sparks, 6 pm • Better Said Than Done: An Evening of Storytelling, 7 pm • Memoirist Joshua Hanagarne, 7 pm • Novelists A.X. Ahmad and Sujata Massey, 7 pm • MFA Alumni Reading, 7:30 pm • Sportswriting: Baseball, Basketball, and Historical Perspectives, 7:30 pm

### Friday, September 27

Exhibition: Call and Response, 10 am • Photography Exhibition: If You Knew Me You Would Care, 10 am • FYoung Adult Novelist Hannah Barnaby, 10:30 am • Exhibition: Inner Librare, 11 am • Humanitarian Zainab Salbi, 11 am • Historian Daniel Stashower, noon • Historian Ronald Spector, 1 pm • Poet Eduardo Corral, 1:30 pm • Novelist Manil Suri, 3 pm • GemmaMedia Open Door Literacy Series, 4:30 pm • Mystery Writers of America Panel, 6 pm • Novelist Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, 6 pm • Novelist and Memoirist Jon Pineda and Novelist Sarah Pleydell, 7:30 pm • Novelist David Baldacci: Mason Award, 7:30 pm • Old Firestation #3 Poetry Reading, 8 pm

*Schedule is subject to change.*

# City Council Approves Old Town Park Design

An interactive water feature, public plaza and plenty of green space are among the features in the public square design approved by City Council.

The square in central Old Town, adjacent to the Ratcliffe-Allison House and Old Town Hall, includes the current Kitty Pozer Garden and adjacent property.

Green spaces in the square will include lawn areas, formal and informal gardens, the Mary McCandlish Memorial Garden and ample hedges, trees and other vegetation.

Innovative and attractive stormwater management techniques, including a rain garden adjacent to the plaza and permeable brick pavers in the parking

areas, have been incorporated.

Construction is expected to begin in November and should be completed within a year.

Plans for these proposed improvements are available on the city website and in the Community Development and Planning Office in City Hall Annex Room 207.

The park's design and construction is funded in part by the balance from bonds that financed design and construction of the City of Fairfax Regional Library. The city's innovative open space funding initiative paid for the acquisition of the former Weight Watcher's site.

For information, call 703-385-7930.

## New Apps Focus on Schools, Emergency Damage Reports

Two new apps now provide information and assistance with school issues and emergency management on iOS and Android devices.

**Schools app** — Stay abreast of City of Fairfax Schools news and activities with the free City of Fairfax Schools app.

Users may access staff directories, school calendars, social media resources and more. For information, visit [www.cityoffairfaxschools.org](http://www.cityoffairfaxschools.org) or call 703-385-7910.

**NOVA DRT** — Help emergency response agencies and local jurisdictions identify resources needed to assist residents quicker and more accurately via a new free app, Northern Virginia Damage Report Tool (NOVA DRT).

NOVA DRT allows users to report damage, complete with photos. The app will be available after September 1 for free on iTunes and Google Play. Reporting also on the Web at [www.novadrt.org](http://www.novadrt.org). For information, call 703-385-4856.

## Voters Encouraged to Prepare for, Participate in November General Election

Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. November 5 for the General Election. Sample ballots will be available before the election at the General Registrar's Office and on the city's website.

To be eligible to vote November 5, voter registration applications are due by 5 p.m. October 15. Once a voter is registered, there is no need to re-register. However, voters who have moved or changed their names since the last election must update their information with the General Registrar; visit the city website or call 703-385-7890. To confirm voter registration, visit the Virginia State Board of Elections website.

Absentee voting begins September 21. In-person absentee voting is available from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays

(excluding holidays), as well as October 26 and November 2, at the Sisson House next to City Hall. Mailed or faxed absentee ballot applications are due by 5 p.m. October 29. The final day for in-person absentee voting is November 2.

Voters must show one of these valid IDs at the polls: Virginia voter ID card; Virginia driver license; military ID; federal, Virginia or local government-issued ID; employer-issued photo ID; concealed handgun permit; student ID from a Virginia institution of higher education; current utility bill, bank statement, government check or paycheck indicating the name and address of the voter; or Social Security card. Certain first-time voters need to use certain ID cards; call 703-385-7890.



## ALMANAC

### Make Sure Your Trash Belongs at the Curb

The City of Fairfax crews that collect trash and recyclables are efficient, prompt and thorough.

Residents who place items at the curb for disposal should check bags, clothing, furniture and other items with pockets, drawers and crevasses to make sure they contain no valuables.

All items placed at the curb are considered disposables by city crews and will be collected.

Trash and recyclables collected from the curb are taken to the landfill or recycling center daily — sometimes making multiple trips in a single day, depending on the quantity of disposables. Once trash and recyclable items are disposed of, the city cannot retrieve them.

### Prune Trees, Bushes from Sidewalks, Roads

Property owners with trees and shrubs are asked to prune vegetation away from sidewalks and streets.

Plants should not block sidewalks, nor should they obstruct the view of traffic or signs for drivers and pedestrians from walkways or roads.

Those with curbside collection may place yard waste at the curb on their designated collection day.

### Recycling, Disposal Information Available

The City of Fairfax has two flyers to help residents properly dispose of trash and recyclables in the city:

- *How to Dispose of Items in the City*, which lists what items may be disposed of where and how in the city, and
- *Curbside Recycling is Easier Than Ever*, which lists what items are recycled in the blue bins collected by the city.

For a copy of the flyers, visit the city's website (click on "Refuse & Recycling" on the home page) or call 703-293-7141.

**INFORMATION: 703-385-7837**



## Be Prepared: Attend Citizen Fire Academy

How can you better prepare for an emergency or help yourself, your neighbors and family — especially when emergency services are limited or unavailable?

Find out at the Citizens Fire Academy, a 12-week course offered by the City of Fairfax Fire Department. The academy is open to those age 18 and older who live or work in the city. Classes begin September 18 and enrollment is limited.

Registration continues through September 13. For information, call 703-385-7813.

## University/Community Forum Set for October 2

The next University and Community Forum will be held at 7:30 p.m. October 2 in the Fairfax County Braddock District Office, 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke.

At the forum, community members will join municipal and university leaders to discuss topics of mutual interest that affect them. An agenda will be available prior to the meeting. For information, call 703-993-8846.

## City Wins VML Achievement Award for Communications

The Virginia Municipal League has awarded the City of Fairfax its 2013 VML Achievement Award for Communications. The award was granted for the city's execution of a comprehensive strategy to inform residents and businesses of the complicated issues surrounding the possible sale of its water treatment system to Fairfax County. For information, call 703-385-7855.

VML is a statewide, non-partisan, non-profit association of municipal governments that work together to improve and assist local governments through legislative advocacy, research, education and other services.

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Sign up for eMAS,  
the City of Fairfax electronic  
message alert system,  
on the  
city's website:  
[www.fairfaxva.gov](http://www.fairfaxva.gov).



## Personal Property Taxes, Vehicle Decals Due October 7

Personal property tax bills and vehicle decal bills are combined on one form, which will be mailed by early September.

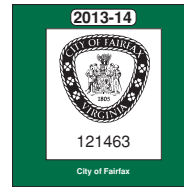
Payments for both personal property taxes and vehicle decals are due by October 7. Payments received or postmarked after October 7 will incur a 10 percent penalty plus interest.

To avoid long lines and delays, promptly check the bill and report any changes to the Commissioner of the Revenue at 703-385-7880.

If the bill requires no changes, please mail the payment promptly.

Decal enforcement begins November 16, and *decals are required to be displayed on vehicles garaged in the city.*

Citizens also may pay taxes and decal fees online through the city's website using a credit card or e-check. Credit card payments are charged an additional fee by the service provider.



There is no additional fee for e-checks.

The offices of the Treasurer and the Commissioner of the Revenue in City Hall are open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., as well as:

- Saturday, October 5, 9 a.m. to noon
- Monday, October 7, 5-7 p.m.

The 2013 personal property tax rate is \$4.13 per \$100 of assessed value. The commonwealth will pay 55.05 percent of up to \$20,000 of assessed value for personal use vehicles. The tax reduction appears on tax bills as a credit. Citizens must pay the net amount due on the tax bill.

Decals cost \$33 each for cars and trucks and \$18 each for motorcycles.

For information on tax payments, call 703-385-7900. For personal property tax information, call 703-385-7880.

## Partial Tax Exemption Offered for Renovated Homes

Residents who plan to substantially upgrade their older residences may be eligible for a partial real estate tax exemption. The exemption amount is based on the increased value of the residence that has been substantially rehabilitated, renovated or replaced. Exemptions are given for a 10-year period, with a 100 percent exemption of the increased value for the first five years then decreasing percentage for years six through 10.

The single-family house or duplex must be at least 15 years old and improve-

ments must increase the assessed value by at least 15 percent. Homeowners must obtain appropriate building permits and inspections during the home improvement process.

Apply for the exemption *before construction begins* (preferably as soon as any required building permits are granted). The city assessor will establish the home's base value before construction begins and approve the exemption upon final inspection after construction is finished. For information, call 703-385-7840.

## Volunteers Sought for Advisory Boards

- **Board of Building Code Appeals** (two vacancies: mechanical/plumbing, fire protection representatives) — Hears appeals to the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code and Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code and makes recommendations to the state board of housing for changes or modifications to the building code.
- **Board of Equalization of Real Estate Assessments** (one vacancy for city resident) — Hears appeals of assessed value of real estate. Court appointed. Meets as needed.
- **Commission on Organ Tissue Donation and Transplantation** (one vacancy for city resident) — Heightens awareness of the need for donations.
- **Community Appearance Committee** (one vacancy for city resident or business representative) — Coordinates the city's Adopt-a-Spot program and clean-up month/day programs, in addition to commercial, residential and holiday decoration award programs. Meets on the fourth Thursday of the month.
- **Disability Services Board** (one vacancy for city resident) — Advises local government about the service needs of persons with physical and sensory disabilities and implements the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- **Fairfax Alcohol Safety Action Program Policy Board** (one vacancy for city resident) — Serves as directorate for the local programs within the local Alcohol Safety Action Program.
- **Personnel Advisory Board** (one vacancy for alternate position for a city resident) — Hears grievances of city employees for the fifth and final step of the grievance procedure. Meets as needed.

Applications will be considered at an upcoming City Council meeting following submission. Unless otherwise noted, city residency is required (at least one year living in the city and registered to vote in the city). Submit letters of interest and résumé (if available) to City Clerk Melanie Burrell. Vacancies are subject to change. Prospective applicants who represent diverse or minority groups are especially encouraged to apply. Information: 703-385-7935.



SEPTEMBER

# CITYSCREEN-12 SCHEDULE

## The Fairfax Scene

Through September tune into *The Fairfax Scene* to learn about historic happenings in the City of Fairfax.

*The Fairfax Scene* plays at 2 pm and 6 pm daily. It also is archived online under "special programming" and is on the city's YouTube channel.

## Planning Commission Meetings



Monday, September 9, 7 pm, LIVE  
replays: Tuesday, September 10, 10 am;  
Thursday, September 12, 10 am, 7 pm  
*Archived online September 10*

Monday, September 23, 7 pm, LIVE  
replays: Tuesday, September 24, 10 am;  
Thursday, September 26, 10 am, 7 pm  
*Archived online September 24*

## City Council Meetings, Work Sessions



Tuesday, September 10, 7 pm, LIVE  
replays: Wednesday, September 11 and

Friday, September 13, 10 am, 7 pm; Saturday, September 14 and Sunday, September 15, 10 am, 7 pm

*Archived online September 11*

*OnDEMAND replay begins September 15*

Tuesday, September 24, 7 pm, LIVE  
replays: Wednesday, September 25 and Friday, September 27, 10 am, 7 pm; Saturday, September 28 and Sunday, September 29, 10 am, 7 pm

*Archived online September 26*

*OnDEMAND replay begins September 29*

## Encore!

Enjoy an encore musical performance at 4 pm daily.

## The Road to Recovery

On days there are no meetings or meeting replays, watch *The Road to Recovery*, a program produced by the Department of Health and Human Services, which plays in meeting time slots.

## Watch Cityscreen-12 Online, OnDEMAND

View Cityscreen-12 at your convenience.

On the city's website, the 24-hour bulletin board plays continuously and televised meetings and special programs are available live and are archived for later viewing.

City Council meetings and work sessions are available in the Cox Communications On DEMAND "Free Zone."

Visit the city's YouTube channel to watch Cityscreen-12 programs online.

## Program Copies Available

A limited number of Cityscreen-12 programs are available for loan or purchase on DVD and Blu-Ray.

To borrow a program on DVD or Blu-Ray, contact the Community Relations Office (703-385-7855; [information@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:information@fairfaxva.gov)).

For information on purchasing a program on DVD or Blu-Ray, call 703-385-7803 or e-mail [rachael.roth@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:rachael.roth@fairfaxva.gov).

Programs may be recorded directly from the television for private viewing.

**Programming is subject to change — see Cityscreen-12 to confirm the programming schedule. Information: 703-385-7803.**



## Proposed Agendas for School Board, Planning Commission, City Council

**School Board (for information, call 703-385-7911)**

*September 9 regular meeting*

- Discussion of the resolution naming the Lanier Middle School Choral Room.
- Presentations: Tuition Bill and FCPS Fiscal Forecast; Summer School Report; School Opening Update; Updated School Board Communications Plan; Update of Capital and Administrative Accounts;
- Public hearing on the Five-Year Capital Improvement Program.
- Approval of carry forward of fiscal year 2012-13 funds.

*September 16 work session*

- Presentations: Bond explanations; School Board retreat priorities 2013-14; review meeting schedule.

**Planning Commission (for information, call 703-385-7930)**

*September 9 regular meeting*

- No agenda items have been set.

*September 23 regular meeting*

- Discussion of housing affordability in the City of Fairfax.

**City Council (for information, call 703-385-7935)**

*September 10 regular meeting and work session*

- Consideration: of a resolution to approve the design concepts for the Northfax (Route 29/50/123) intersection and storm drainage improvements project; of an award of contract for Fairfax Boulevard Bridge; of a resolution to designate the City Manager as the signatory for funding agreements with VDOT; of an award of contract to Arthur Construction in an estimated amount of \$1,624,773 for the reconstruction of Route 50

from Rebel Run to Fairfax Circle; of the award of a contract for construction of the Ashby Pond trail; of an extension of Contract to Woolpert, Inc. in the amount of \$125,000 for engineering services for storm drainage system evaluation; of a resolution amending policy on athletic facility regulations; of a resolution to support Governor Proclamation Day of Service.

- Introduction: of a supplemental appropriation resolution in the amount of \$32,000 to complete the funding for surveillance video cameras for the CUE buses (\$12,000) and to allocate the funding (\$20,000) for the mobile vault for CUE Bus cash fares; of a supplemental appropriation resolution in the amount of \$132,046 to complete the funding for the reconstruction of Route 50 from Rebel Run to Fairfax Circle.
- Public hearings: on a request by the City of Fairfax School Board to revise a condition of an existing special use permit for a governmental use in the R-2 Residential District pursuant to City Code to allow a public address system on a softball field at Fairfax High School at 3501 Rebel Run; on an ordinance authorizing the city manager to execute a landscaping maintenance license agreement with Clarks Corner Homeowners Association, Inc., to install and maintain landscaping improvements within a portion of the city's right-of-way for a renewal period of five years; on an ordinance amending City Code pertaining to procurement of goods and services.

*September 24 regular meeting and work session*

- Consideration: of an award of the contract for the Route 123/Chain Bridge Road bridge project; of a resolution endorsing the city's fiscal year 2015-20 RSTP/CMAQ request.
- Discussion: of housing affordability in the City of Fairfax.

**Meeting information is subject to change; call to confirm.**





# DID YOU KNOW

Celebrate National Preparedness Month at the

## Community Emergency Preparedness Fair

Noon to 3 pm September 15

Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center

Meet representatives from Office of Emergency Management

Fire Department • Police Department • George Mason University •

American Red Cross • Fairfax Health Department • National Weather Service

FEMA • Volunteer in Police Service • Community Emergency Response Team

Information: [www.fairfaxva.gov](http://www.fairfaxva.gov) • [oem@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:oem@fairfaxva.gov) • 703-385-4856

### MSI Offers Workshop on Food Preservation September 10

Learn about food preservation at the George Mason University Sustainability Institute (MSI) workshop from 6:30-8 p.m. September 10 at The Pennino Building, Room 1032, 12011 Government Center Parkway. To register, visit the MSI registration page at [msi.gmu.edu/registration](http://msi.gmu.edu/registration).

Workshops and events are free; however, occasionally there may be a small fee associated if materials or supplies are provided to participants. For information, call 703-993-5301.

### City Encourages Day of Service September 15-29

The City of Fairfax joins other jurisdictions and the Northern Virginia

Regional Commission in encouraging its residents and business community leaders to participate in a Day of Service September 15-29.

The goal of this event is to strengthen the region's collective communities by coming together to "feed the hungry, protect and enhance the environment, as well as strengthening our communities."

The Day of Service also helps to improve the environment through planting trees, cleaning up parks and streams, and supporting "adopt a road" campaigns.

An excellent resource for local volunteer opportunities is Volunteer Fairfax ([www.volunteerfairfax.org](http://www.volunteerfairfax.org), 703-246-3460).

### SafeAssured ID Kit Appointments Available September 21

The City of Fairfax Police Department, with the Optimist Club of Central

Fairfax, will prepare SafeAssured ID kits for children by appointment from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. September 21 at the police station, 3730 Old Lee Highway. To make an appointment, call 703-273-2889.

The SafeAssured ID System provides parents with a full-color photo ID card and a mini-CD containing digital fingerprints, photo and video of the child, and vital personal information accessible only by law enforcement.

### Paper Shredding Event Scheduled September 21

Fairfax County holds free paper shredding events available to city residents.

The next one will be from 8 a.m. to noon September 21 at the Sully Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly.

For information, visit the Fairfax County Secure Document Shredding Web page or call 703-324-5052.

### City Seeks Volunteer Neighborhood Recycling Coordinators

Help improve waste reduction and recycling in the City of Fairfax by volunteering as a neighborhood recycling coordinator.

Coordinators will provide their neighbors with current, cutting-edge information on recycling and waste reduction programs in the City of Fairfax.

The city will provide training and materials, including periodic e-mails with helpful tips and tricks. For information, call 703-385-7816.

## Pedestrians Can Look Forward to New, Improved Paths in the City of Fairfax

Pedestrians soon will be able to enjoy two more ADA-compliant trails in the city.

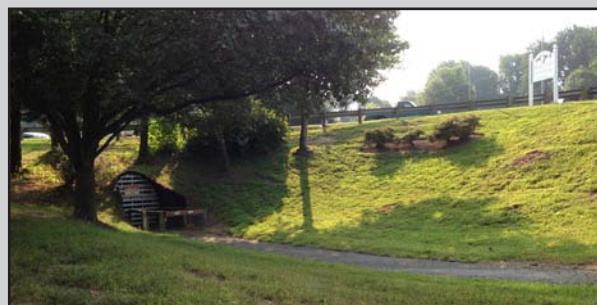
The George T. Snyder Trail will be extended across Plantation Parkway into the new Fairfax Boulevard Marketplace with funding from a proffer from the Fairfax Boulevard Marketplace and the VDOT Revenue sharing fund.

Pedestrians traveling to Thais Park and Gateway Regional Park will discover new connections on the Accotink Trail, thanks to the Pickett Road Trail Underpass improvements (pictured, right). Northern Virginia

Regional Park Authority has received a grant from the Regional Transportation Alternative Grant program to: install



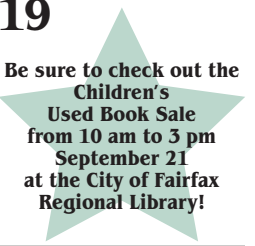





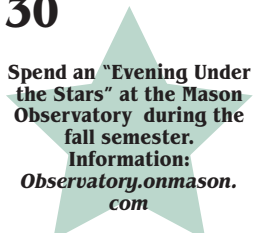
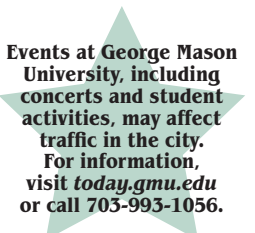
a 12-foot wide concrete trail under the existing Pickett Road bridge over Accotink Creek; construct asphalt trail segments on the upstream side of the underpass to connect the existing Fairfax City trail system to the existing Fairfax County trail system; install two culverts to convey existing storm

drainage outfalls under the proposed trail; and install signage. (photo: Chris Cohen, City of Fairfax)





# City of Fairfax Community Calendar September 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Sunday Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, West and Main streets	<b>2</b> <i>Labor Day</i> <b>Trash and recyclables not collected</b> City government offices and facilities closed General District Court closed CUE Bus runs on a Saturday schedule Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center open	<b>3</b> <b>Monday and Tuesday trash and recyclables collected</b> The school year begins for Fairfax County Public Schools English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library	<b>4</b> Environmental Sustain- ability Committee, 7 pm, Sherwood Com- munity Center Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	<b>5</b> City of Fairfax Democratic Committee meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex	<b>6</b> Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department) Sherwood Cinema Series: Monsters, Inc., 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center	<b>7</b> Fairfax High School Band Tag Day Farmers' Market Ratcliffe-Allison guided tours offered 11 am to 2 pm Swing Dances at Sherwood, 8 pm (free lessons at 7:30 pm), Sherwood Community Center
<b>8</b> Sunday Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, West and Main streets Second Sunday Series: Looking for Mosby, 2 pm, City of Fairfax Cemetery, 10567 Main Street (\$5; note location)	<b>9</b>  Evening Under the Stars, 8 pm, Mason Observatory (weather permitting) Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5) School Board meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex	<b>10</b>  City Council meeting and work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised) Commission on the Arts meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center Introduction to Food Preservation, 6:30 pm, Fairfax County Pennino Building, Room 1032	<b>11</b> Diversity on Boards and Com- missions, 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center Spotlight on the Arts meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center Historic Fairfax City, Inc., meeting, 7 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center	<b>12</b> Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex Independence Day Celebration Committee meeting, 7 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim	<b>13</b> Applications due for Citizen's Fire Academy Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	<b>14</b> Farmers' Market, 8 am to 1 pm, West and Main streets Ratcliffe-Allison guided tours offered 11 am to 2 pm Old Town Fairfax guided walking tour, 11 am, Ratcliffe-Allison House
<b>15</b> Sunday Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, West and Main streets Community Emergency Preparedness Fair, noon to 3 pm, Sherwood Community Center	<b>16</b> Old Town Hall Children's Performance Series, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall School Board work session, 7:30 pm, Fairfax High School	<b>17</b> City Council work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5) Commission for Women meeting, 7:15 pm, City Hall Fairfax Commission on the Arts meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center	<b>18</b> Economic Development Au- thority meeting, 5:30 pm, 4031 University Drive Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex Sesquicentennial Committee meeting, 7 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim	<b>19</b>  <b>Be sure to check out the Children's Used Book Sale from 10 am to 3 pm September 21 at the City of Fairfax Regional Library!</b>	<b>20</b> Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	<b>21</b> Irish Folk Festival—see page 8 Farmers' Market Secure document shredding event, 8 am to noon, Sully Government Center Ratcliffe-Allison guided tours SafeAssured ID Kit, 10 am to 4 pm, City Police Station (by appointment: 703-273- 2889)
<b>22</b>  Fall for the Book; see page 2 Sunday Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, West and Main streets Electric Sunday, 10 am to 3 pm, I-66 Transfer Station	<b>23</b>   In-person absentee voting be- gins for November 5 General Election Fall for the Book; see page 2 Planning Commission meet- ing, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5) Black Soldiers in White Regiments, 7 pm, Historic Blenheim	<b>24</b>   Fall for the Book; see page 2 City Council meeting and work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5) Civil War Soldier Identifica- tion Discs, 7 pm, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center	<b>25</b>  Fall for the Book; see page 2	<b>26</b>  Fall for the Book; see page 2 Community Appearance Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	<b>27</b>  Fall for the Book; see page 2 Fall Book Sale, 10 am to 5 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library Taste of the Vine, 6:30 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim	<b>28</b> Farmers' Market Ratcliffe-Allison guided tours offered 11 am to 2 pm Fall Book Sale, 10 am to 4 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library
<b>29</b> Sunday Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, West and Main streets Fall Book Sale (bag day), 1-3 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library	<b>30</b>  <b>Spend an "Evening Under the Stars" at the Mason Observatory during the fall semester. Information: Observatory.onmason. com</b>	 <b>Business owners: keep abreast of "Business News" on eMAS, the city's electronic message alert system: emas.fairfaxva.gov</b>	 <b>Check out Leisure Times for classes, trips, activities, special events and more!</b>	 <b>Events at George Mason University, including concerts and student activities, may affect traffic in the city. For information, visit today.gmu.edu or call 703-993-1056.</b>	<b>Helpful Phone Numbers</b> City government information..... 703-385-7855 City News and Events Line..... 703-273-1776 Arts and Cultural Events Line ..... 703-352-ARTS City of Fairfax Regional Library ..... 703-293-6227 Civil War Interpretive Center..... 703-591-0560 Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center ..... 703-385-8414 FHS Sports Line..... 703-749-8130 George Mason University events..... 703-993-1056 Information is subject to last-minute change.	



# ARTS, CULTURE & RECREATION

## Book Club Conference Set for September 7

Book club members from around the area are invited to a "book club" conference at 9 a.m. September 7 at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway.

The event, sponsored by Fairfax County Public Library (FCPL), will help both new and experienced book clubbers learn more about starting, running and enhancing book clubs while networking with fellow readers.

Registration is required. For information, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library) or call 703-324-7329.

## Step into Fairfax History This Autumn

Learn about city history by strolling in Old Town Fairfax, the heart of Northern Virginia. A guided walking tour is offered at 11 a.m. September 14 and October 26.

Cost is \$5 per person or \$15 per family. Meet at the Ratcliffe-Allison House, 10386 Main Street — which has free guided tours from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays through October.

For information, call 703-385-8414.

## New Season of Children's Performance Series Begins

The Children's Performance Series begins its 2013-14 season with Peter McCorty at 10:30 a.m. September 16 in Old Town Hall.

Free performances for children are offered at 10 a.m. on the first and third Mondays of the month, sponsored by the Fairfax Commission on the Arts. For information, visit [www.fairfaxarts.org](http://www.fairfaxarts.org).

## Which Fall for the Book events take place in the city? Find out on page 2!

## Irish Folk Festival Set for September 21

Explore all things Irish at the free Irish Folk Festival to be held from noon to 8:30 p.m. September 21 at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center and the Auld Shebeen Irish Pub, 3971 Chain Bridge Road.

The event, co-sponsored by the Fairfax Commission on the Arts and the Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann-O'Neill-Malcom Branch, feature musicians, Irish

set dancing, Ceili dancing, food and children's programs. For information, visit [www.ccepotomac.org](http://www.ccepotomac.org).

## Farmers Markets Continue

Catch one of the city's two farmers markets held Saturdays and Sundays at the lot on the corner of Main and West streets. The Downtown Fairfax Coalition Community Farmers' Market is held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays (except October 12). The Sunday Farmers' Market is held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays. For information, call 703-420-6164.

## Two Favorite Concert Series Begin in October

Mark your calendars and tell your friends: two popular (and free) concert series begin in October.

Friday Morning Music Club (FMMC) will begin its annual Thursday morning concert series at 11 a.m. October 17 at Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive. For information, visit [www.fmmc.org](http://www.fmmc.org).

Bonita Lestina Performance Series begins with the *Nitehawks Swing Band* at 8 p.m. October 11 at Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive.

For information, call 703-352-ARTS.

**For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 703-385-7858 (TTY Relay: 7-1-1).**



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